



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
MICHAEL PLATNER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3625
Application No.: 09/888,345)	Examiner: M. Misiaszek
Filed: June 22, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 8906
For: CERTIFICATE FOR AN ONLINE)	
PRODUCT)	
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 32, 33, 37 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, on the basis of the Messner patent (US 6,370,514), and claims 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the Messner patent in view of secondary references. For the reasons presented in Applicants' previous response, and discussed further hereinafter, it is respectfully submitted that the Messner patent does not anticipate, nor otherwise suggest, the subject matter of the currently pending claims.

Claim 32 recites a method that includes a step of receiving a payment from a purchaser for a certificate for an online product of a vendor. This certificate includes an authorization code having at least one characteristic that identifies the purchaser. The certificate is provided to the purchaser in a physical form. The next step is receiving entry of the authorization code, which is entered by a user to whom the certificate has been transferred from the purchaser. The subsequent step of claim